

Younkin Family News Bulletin



A Tribute to Our Family



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Donna Younkin Logan, publisher

*Happy Holidays To All
Our Junghen Cousins!*



It is so hard for me to believe that we are starting our 5th year of publishing our family newsletter! My list of Younkin/Junghen cousins has grown from about 2,000 to almost 15,000, and believe it or not we have still only broken the surface on collecting all the Younkin cousins!

The reunion was tremendous again this year—we had about 200 in attendance, from all over the country! Next year will be the 60th Anniversary of the first Nationwide Younkin Reunion held in Kingwood, Pennsylvania. At this summer's reunion, Tom Younkin, of Ashland, Ohio, read his father's history of that first reunion. Tom's dad, Otto Younkin, was then the president of the Younkin Association. In celebration of this significant event, next year's 60th Anniversary Reunion will be a very special one.

If you've been wanting to attend, but have been putting it off — put July 22, 23 and 24th on your calendar!

I have made arrangements with the Ramada Inn to hold 40 rooms for us, but after running out of rooms this past summer and the summer before, I would suggest making reservations early. Call the Ramada Inn at (814) 443-4646, and you MUST tell them it is for the "Younkin Reunion." They've agreed to keep the cost of the rooms the same as this past summer!

If you can help on our planning committee, please let me know so I can put you on the mailing list for meeting notices!

See You There!



Andrew W. and Rosanna (Heverly) Youngkin,
descendant of Henry Youngkin Jr.
(See Page 5 for the story on this family)

1994 Younkin Family Reunion

will be held

July 22, 23, 24
Kingwood, Pennsylvania

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GOALS: The *Younkin Family News Bulletin* was established to assist Younkin families in search of their ancestry. And to give researchers the networking capabilities only a family newsletter can offer.

Headstone Fund

Frederick G. & Catharine Younkin Cemetery
Somerset County, Pennsylvania

The list of donors for the *Frederick G. Younkin Cemetery* commemorative stone continues to grow. So far we have received donations totaling \$530. \$80 was collected at the reunion through a 50/50 raffle (50% went to the headstone fund and 50% to the raffle winner, Donna Younkin Neulieb) Thank you all for your generosity. We are more than halfway there!



— \$1,000

— \$500

Contributors:

Laurel Posey, CA
Eleanor Buzalsky, MT
Bill & Loretta Kellford, TX
Tom & Evelyn Younkin, OH
Bill & Mary Hall, PA
Mark A. Miner, PA
Larry & Donna Logan, MD
Carolyn Carman, FL
Laura Younkin Thomas, GA
Reunion attendees

News From Our Readers

Trisha D. Burnell was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Cascade Union High School, Turner, Oregon, June 3, 1993. She served as student body vice president, junior class treasurer, Future Business Leaders of America president for two years, and was a member of the National Honor Society. She was involved in the drama club, and the tennis and volleyball teams for four years. She plans to attend Linfield College, majoring in elementary education.

[Contributed by her mom, Diana (Younkin) Burnell Egan, Salem, OR. Also, see this issue's *Meet Your Cousin* column.]

Wilbur Henry donates land for Kingwood Elementary School — Wilbur "Wib" Henry took part in the ground breaking ceremonies recently for Kingwood Elementary School's renovation and classroom additions that will cost more than \$1 million dollars. Mr. Henry donated the land in front of the school. This land has been in his family for many generations.

[Somerset Daily American, Somerset Pa. — contributed by Kay Lynn Younkin Wilson. Wib and his sister, Oma Henry, have resided on the Frederick G. Farm all of their lives. Wib and Oma welcome Younkin families to visit the farm at each of our reunions!]

Junghen Family Crest Stationary is finally ready to order!

As promised, I have had the printer who does our newsletter prepare our Junghen family crest stationary. The family crest has been screened into the background and **your name** will be imprinted at the top and **your address** at the bottom. If you would like a sample, please send a SASE and I will mail it to you.

Prices:

| Number of sheets | Matching envelopes |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 50 \$36 | \$38 |
| 100 40 | 44 |
| 200 48 | 53 |
| 500 59 | 67 |

Blank second sheets are also available (for those of you who write letters more than a page long!) for \$7 per hundred sheets. All prices include the printing and mailing costs. For those thinking about this for Christmas, please allow 3 or 4 weeks for delivery!

This stationary fits in standard business envelopes, for those who would prefer just the stationary.

Christmas in Turkeyfoot

by PATRICIA YOUNKIN BAXTER
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The rolling hills of Turkeyfoot Township in Pennsylvania were covered with white and drifting snow as a soft breeze stirred the flakes falling silently over the countryside. Hannah went to the small window in the little cabin searching the darkening horizon for sight of Jacob who was long overdue. Her heart held a prayer for his safe return from searching for one of the few heifers they owned that had strayed from its shelter.



Sighing a somber breath, Hannah turned toward the hearth where several small children gathered to absorb the warmth from the glowing embers. She put on a smiling face so the children would not be concerned and encouraged them in their plans for the coming Christmas. Ten children had been born to this household after Jacob and Hannah were married in 1785. There were John, Henry, Jacob, Elizabeth, Samuel, Maria, Abraham, Jonas, Isaac and little Polly. Jacob and Hannah had enough sons to help in the fields.

Jacob loved the land. His father, Johann Henrich Junghen, had come to this country from Germany in the early part of the century and had often told Jacob of the struggles he had undergone in order to pursue the dream of freedom and opportunity for his family. Jacob had even served in the Revolutionary War in response to the deep-seated conviction that had been instilled in him by a conscientious father.

As he sought for the precious heifer, making his way carefully against the increasing snowfall, he reflected upon the first views he had of these hills and valleys where the forests of oak, hickory, chestnut and pines marched from one ridge to another. His eyes had taken in the nuts and berries available for the foresting, game and the teeming streams in which trout and other fish abounded. Jacob knew that in these fertile fields he would make his home.

Having followed his brother, John, to Somerset, Jacob settled down and built an enviable life in the new countryside. Not that it had come about without much sacrifice, hard work and hardship. Sacrifice included the separation from other family members, but it was not many years before others of the family moved from the East to establish residence in the beloved hills of Somerset County.

As Jacob peered through the storm, he saw the

heifer and grasping her lead in his sturdy hands, he thanked God for His providence and led her to safety, acknowledging that he and the heifer had both experienced the grace of God in their lifetime.

Hannah sat in her rocker with the children at her feet. Like all children everywhere, they pondered the thoughts of special Christmas treats like the German-Mennonite Holiday cookies known as Pummelchus or Apple Kuchen, another favorite.

Although holiday gift-giving was not a priority, for they lived simply, everyone helped to make the day a happy occasion with Bible reading and singing and, perhaps, a day of sliding down the rolling hills on sleds that Jacob had made for them out of wooden planks saved from the firewood or the building of sheds. The children all laughed as they shared in singing the old favorite, "Oh, Tannenbaum."

It was nearing dark, when Hannah heard the crunching of snow outside the door. The door burst open, and Jacob stepped inside. The children crowded about him eager to tell him about their plans for Christmas Day.

Hannah breathed a sigh of relief and a prayer of gratitude swelled in her breast, "Did you find the heifer, Jacob?"

"Ja, that I did...down in the hollow beneath the grove of trees. And I thank God for His benevolence," Jacob replied.

He sat down at the table and all the children, save the smallest who had long since been fed and bedded down, gathered to eat their supper as Hannah served each one a rich bowl of broth and noodles kept warm in a kettle over the fire. Jacob's prayer of grace was filled with special gratitude as he recalled the bitter coldness that had so recently chilled him to the bones, the finding of the heifer and the safe return to the haven of his home. He looked about at all the faces of his brood, raised his smile to his relieved spouse and nodded his approval to her.

After the table had been cleared and the children were settled down in bedsteads to dream of Christmas Day, Jacob sat in a chair near Hannah at the fireside. He selected a likely piece of wood from the shuttle and began to carve one of the traditional toys of Germany, the toys that reflected objects familiar to the old farm-

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Christmas In Turkeyfoot

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steads—houses and stables—cows and horses—carts and wagons. As he carved he remembered his own father's carvings, how precious each toy had been and how he himself had learned this traditional German art at his father's knee. High up on a shelf, Jacob placed each toy as it was completed, out of sight for the coming of Kris Kringle. Hannah busied her hands with small stuffed rag dolls made from pieces of worn out clothing to be given to the three little girls of the household.

"I saw a perfect Christmas tree while I was out looking for that ornery heifer," Jacob eagerly acknowledged. "The boys and I will go get it tomorrow if the snow has let up at all."

Hannah smiled and nodded, "The children will love stringing popcorn and making ornaments. And we'll light the candles that I have made."

The wind and snow continued throughout the night, but safe within the walls of their cabin in the rolling hills of Turkeyfoot stirred the hearts of a frontier family in common goodness and in the grace of God. With prayerful gratitude they set about to celebrate the holy day of Christmas.

In Memory of

Edwin A. Younkings, 77, of 103 Orchard Drive, Boonsboro [Md], died at the Washington County Hospital Sunday, August 22, 1993.

Born in Bolivar, he was the son of the late William Edward Younkings and Mary Moser Younkings.

He was a member of the Beaver Creek Christian Church. He was a member of the Potomac Edison Quarter Century Club. He was an employee of the Blue Ridge Bus Line, and later was employed by the Potomac Edison Co., retiring in 1977.

He is survived by his wife, Mary P. Hoffman Younkings; five daughters, Belva J. Hargett of Frederick, Audrey L. Munson and Linda E. Boden, both of Hagerstown, Gail L. Smith of Boonsboro, and Cindy L. Tennant of Shepherdstown, W. Va.; two sons, Gary W. Younkings of Williamsport and Harold E. Younkings of Hagerstown; three sisters, Agnes Moser of Boonsboro, Edna Toms of Middletown, C. Mae Recher of Hagerstown; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held at the Bast Funeral Home in Boonsboro August 25, with the Rev. Mark J. Curran and the Rev. Terry Angle officiating. Interment was in the Boonsboro Cemetery.

[The Daily Mail, Hagerstown, Md, August 23, 1993]

[Edwin A. Younkings⁷, William Edward Younkings⁶, John W. T. & Indiana (Reeder) Younkings⁵, John and Sarah Jane (Fish) Younkings⁴, John Younkings³ and Barbara Alexander, ?Rudolph Younkings², Henrich Junghe¹]

Bits & Pieces

Voters and Taxpayers of Bureau County, Illinois 1877:

YONKINS, George, Sec. 12, P. O. Princeton; farmer; resides with Jacob Yonkings; Dem.

YONKINS, Jacob, Sec. 12; P.O. Princeton; farmer, Dem.

Register of Marriages and Baptisms performed by Rev. John Cuthbertson 1751-1791:

Baptisms

On 14 Apr 1754 the following children of Joseph JUNKEN were baptized: Agnes, Benjamin, Elizabeth and John.

The book also noted this reference: "Junken Tent" near Kingston and about 10 miles from Harrisburg, on the farm of Joseph Junken.

[The above references were contributed by Jean O'Loughlin, Santa Ana, Calif.]

Geological Formation named for Younkink Family

The following description was found in the Lexicon of Geologic Names of United States (page 2391):

Younkink Formation (buried)

Devonian or Silurian (?): North Central Kansas.

J. S. Barwick, 1928 (A.A.P.G. Bull., Vol. 12, No. 2, p. 184). *Younkink fm.*—Unit no. 3 encountered in wells in Salina Basin, Kans. Not exposed, thickness 0 to 400 ft.; is 400 or more ft. thick in Clay and Riley Counties. Consists of white to gray dolomitic ls. locally interbedded with thick bodies of rounded quartz sand in lime matrix. Underlies Skelton Sh. (unit No. 2) and overlies Engle sh. (unit No. 4). Lithology and position suggest fossiliferous Sel. and Dev. of SE. Nebr., SW. Iowa, and NW. Mo., which does not correspond to Hunton ls. of Okla. Named for Boggess et al. Younkink No. 1 well, sec. 21, T. 9 S., R. 4 E., Clay Co., Kans., where encountered at 2,194 to 2,520 ft. depth.

Who's Who in Our Family —

For a complete list of subscribers and their lineage back to the immigrant ancestors, please send \$5 to Donna Younkink Logan, editor.

The Family of Andrew W. and Rosanna (Heverly) Youngkin



Seated in front, from left: Harry Youngkin, Andrew W. Youngkin, Rosanna (Heverly) Youngkin, Jane Youngkin
Standing, from left: Hannah Youngkin, David A. Youngkin, Ella Youngkin, Sue Youngkin, Myrtle Youngkin, Loy
Youngkin, Esther Youngkin.

[Andrew W. Youngkin⁵, David A. Youngkin⁴, David Youngkin³, Henry Youngkin Jr.², Henrich Junghen¹]

David Youngkin, son of Henry YOUNGKIN Jr. and wife Anna Maria OVERPECK, was born 7 Feb 1801 (according to his tombstone), possibly in York, Delaware Co, Pa. He died 18 Apr 1874, age 73 years, 2 months, and 11 days, in White Twp, Cambria Co., Pa. He and his wife, Susanna, are buried in Beaver Valley Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) Elizabeth Youngkin b 1826, m Christopher KUHN
- 2) Maria Youngkin b 26 Nov 1828, d 3 Apr 1852
- 3) Joseph Youngkin b 1 Jan 1830, m Elizabeth SMITH
- 4) Eliza Youngkin b 1833, m Abraham MATTHEWS
- 5) Catherine Youngkin b 1835, George DILLON
- 6) Aaron Youngkin b Mar 1838, m Catharine
- 7) Susannah Youngkin b 1841, m FITZGIBBONS
- 8) Andrew W. Youngkin b 18 Jan 1844, m Rosanna HEVERLY

Andrew W. YOUNGKIN was born 18 Jan 1844 in Pennsylvania. He was the last child of a family of eight children. He married, probably about 1867, to

Rosanna (spelled Rosa A. on her tombstone) HEVERLY. They resided in Reade Township, Cambria Co, Pa. Both are buried in Beaver Valley United Methodist Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 1) Eliza J. Youngkin, b 1 Jul 1868
- 2) Henry C. "Harry" Youngkin, b 6 Jul 1871, m Mary
- 3) Susie M. Youngkin, b 10 Oct 1873
- 4) Mary E. Youngkin, b 14 Mar 1876, m William E. MARKS
- 5) Myrtle M. Youngkin, b 24 Oct 1878
- 6) David A. Youngkin, b 5 Oct 1880, m Hannah E. GATES
- 7) Hannah E. Youngkin, b 22 Apr 1883
- 8) Esther A. Youngkin, b 6 Nov 1886
- 9) Loy Harrison Youngkin, b 15 Oct 1889, d 21 Apr 1951 Altoona, Pa, m Grace.

This family's story and photos will continue in the next issue. My thanks to Gloria Jean Davis, P. O. Box 377, Colver, Pa. 15927, for contributing this story of her family and the accompanying photographs.

Old Letter Helps on the Rudolph Younkin Line...

The following was found in the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania records under the title: Junghen Family. "The relationship of John Houpt's wife Elisabeth to the family of Henry Junghen was difficult to prove until this letter was found at the old homestead. The letter was from John Houpt to Ralph Youngken. "

Springfield, Aug. 1st, 1824

Dear Sir:

Your friend and neighbor Mr. Stef hath brought a letter for Jacob Mires your Brother in law, the contents of that letter I know not or I would have answered your letter to J. Mires; Mr. Stef on his way home called on me to know if there was a letter to be taken back to you as an answer to Jacob's letter.

However I thought it proper to write a few lines to you of what I know of your Mother and relations here; your Mother still remains with J. Mires in a tolerable good state of health and very well treated by Jacob Mires. Concerning J. Mires I believe him and his family to be in good health and at present said Jacob is a very orderly and provident man, is bringing up a family that we relations need not be ashamed of, his daughters, it appears, have married well, (this is saying very little of their happiness and character).

As for myself and family we are in tolerable good health, I remain at the old place where I first began housekeeping. I have with good order and economy gained 500 acres of land in our Valley.

Your neighbor Mr. Stef brings us good news of you, he says you have given up drinking spiritous liquors, if you had done so thirty years ago what a happy thing it would have been for yourself and your family -but never too late to do good. I have not used any spiritous liquors in my family and working hands this 10 years back. I have employed (up to ?) last summer 25 hundred hands and used no liquors at all and each man esteemed me as his employer.

very affectionately yours

J. Houpt

Mr. Ralph Youngken

"The letter was found copied in a letter book and therefore had no address. The explanation of it direction is had in a Release found in Miscellaneous Book 1, in Doylestown, Rudolph Youngken having married Elisabeth Hockman of Bedminster." [Meaning the letter was directed to Ralph (Rudolph) Younkin in Perry County, Ohio.]

Misc. Bk. 1 - P. 121. Nov. 2, 1820. Release

"By Will of Elisabeth Hockman, late of Bedminster, widow, a certain share in the estate was left to her daughter Elisabeth, wife of Rudolph Youngken, now of Perry Co, Ohio. Said Elisabeth appoints her son, John Youngken, as her attorney and so do also other sons, Henry and Samuel. Acknowledgment taken before John Iliff, a Justice of the Peace for Perry County and sworn to in Bucks County, Pa. Dec. 2nd, 1820."

"The old mother mentioned in the above letter, the widow of Henrich Junghen, died the next year, in her 99th year. Her youngest daughter, Catharine, married Jacob Myers [spelled Mires in above letter] and also lived to old age, dying in 1865 at the age of 90. All of these are buried at Keller's Church. "

"Jacob Myers died in 1831, intestate, leaving a widow Catharine and 215 acres in Haycock and Bedminster. His children were: Henry, eldest; William; Jacob; Elisabeth, wife of John Bissey; Mary, wife of David Diehl."

[The author of the above letter was John Houpt, husband of Elisabeth, who was also a daughter of Henrich and Catharine (Scherer) Junghen — DYL]

New Subscribers

GETCHELL, Norman Y. — 4053 Lytle Creek Rd, Fontana, CA 92336; [Norman Getchell, Mable Ruth (Yonkin) Getchall, Edward William Yonkin b 1860, William E. Yonkin b 1824 m Margaret Ault, ?]

KEMPPTHORNE, June Fritz — 3591 Letter Rock Rd., Manhattan, KS 66502; [June (Fritz) Kempthorne, Lois (Neill) Fritz, Olive (Younkin) Neill, John Younkin, Moses Younkin, Henry F. Younkin, Frederick G. Younkin, Henrich Junghen]

WALTON, Kimberly — 1465 First St., Wabash, IN 46992; [Kimberly Ann (MacCartney) Walton, John David MacCartney, Harold Younkins MacCartney, Edith May (Younkins) MacCartney, John Younkings, William Michael & Sarah (Hawk) Younkings, Michael & Mary (Locke) Younkings]

EHRLMAN, Nina — 840 Staton Place West Dr. [Nina (Morrison) Ehrman is the granddaughter of William Alfred and Emma Jane (Younkin) Morrison, Isaac Younkin, Jacob Younkin, Jacob Younkin, Henrich Junghen]

YOUNGKIN, Philip F. & Doris — 1443 Parkland Rd, Coopersburg, PA 18036-9685; [Philip F. Youngken, Christian Steeley Youngken, Abraham F. Youngken, Abraham Youngken, John "Nicholas" Youngken, John Youngkin, Herman Junghen]

FOX, Frances — 5200 Ridgeway, Great Bend, KS 67530; [Frances (Younkin) Fox, Charles Franklin Younkin, John Deitz Younkin, Samuel Younkin, Jacob Younkin, Henrich Junghen]

ESCH, Gayle Y. — 6549 Yosemite Dr., Buena Park, CA 90620; [Gayle Yvonne Esch, Lynd Junior Esch, Joseph Isaac Esch, Adam Esch, Sarah (Younkin) Esch, Henry Youngkin Jr., Henrich Junghen]

FOSTER, John C. — 4113 Paint Rock Dr., Austin, TX 78731-1320; [John C. Foster, John E. Foster, William R. Foster, Emma Jane (Holiday) Foster, Mary (Hartzell) Holiday, Mary (Younkin) Hartzell, John Michael Younkin, Henrich Junghen]

YOUNKIN, Cindy E. — 1115 No. Spruce, Bozeman, MT 59715; [Cindy Younkin, Glenn Charlie Younkin, Charles Elbert Younkin, Alexander C. Younkin, Dr. Jonas Younkin, Jacob Younkin, Henrich Junghen]

CALDWELL, Joan Wiese — 117 Rush Court, Fishers, IN 46038; [Joan (Wiese) Caldwell, August Howard Wiese, Ina Belle (Younkin) Wiese, William K. Younkin, Henry F. Younkin, Frederick G. Younkin, Henrich Junghen]

FREEMAN, Doris Nielsen — 3131 Cedar Ave., Lincoln, NE 68502; [Doris (Nielsen) Freeman, Thelma (Wright) Nielsen, Dora (Younkin) Wright, Joseph Younkin, David Younkin, Henry Younkin Jr., Henrich Junghen]

DeWITT, C. Jeffrey "Jeff" — 7879 Chesapeake Dr. East, Indianapolis, IN 46236; [Jeff's 5th great grandmother was Barbara Younkin, born Bucks County, Pa. Barbara married Charles/Carl Ludwig Baum about 1768. They moved to Northumberland Co., Pa, then to Clermont Co., OH in 1798. Barbara's parents are unknown]

SHERMAN, McNeill — P. O. Box 43, Onawa, IA 51040-0043; [Sherman McNeill, Pearl Maud McNeill, Henry Laughlin McNeill, Ann Maria (Younkin) McNeill, Henry Younkin, Jacob Younkin, Henrich Junghen]

AUFFHAMMER, Mary Jean — 366 High Bench Rd., Alpine, UT 84003; [Mary Jean (McNeill) Auffhammer, Sherman McNeill, Pearl Maud McNeill, Henry Laughlin McNeill, Ann Maria (Younkin) McNeill, Henry Younkin, Jacob Younkin, Henrich Junghen]

YOUNGKIN, Harold R. — 111 Woods Lane, Altoona, PA 16601; [Harold Roy Youngkin, Clyde Richard Youngkin, Harvey Lincoln Youngkin, Richard B. Youngkin, Charles Youngkin, Henry Youngkin Jr., Henrich Junghen]

SHUMATE, Ermalee — 8555 Dyer Rd., Mt. Sterling, OH 43143; [Ermalee (Younkin) Shumate, Fred Younkin, Horton Howard Younkin, William Younkin, William Younkin, Jacob Younkin, John Michael Younkin, Henrich Junghen]

SWARTZ, Edna Youngkin — 618 W. Union Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18018-3723; [Edna (Younkin) Swartz, Alvin Youngkin, Abraham Frankenfield Youngkin, Abraham Youngken, John Nicholas Youngkin, John Youngkin, Herman Junghen]

Query

Searching for the family of William E. YONKIN (or YOUNKIN). William was born 14 August 1824 and married Margaret AULT on 4 Nov 1847. Margaret was the daughter of Samuel & Catherine (PAGE) AULT. Samuel AULT was born 1793 in Columbia Twp, Union Co., PA.

William E. and Margaret had these children:

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|----------------------|---------------|
| Christianna Margaret | b 11 Nov 1848 |
| Henry H. | b 11 Oct 1850 |
| Rebecca | b 31 Jan 1854 |
| Josephine | b 1 Jul 1858 |
| *Edward William | b 4 Apr 1860 |
| Sarah Catherine | b 14 Dec 1862 |
| unnamed girl | b 5 Dec 1868 |

In the 1880 census some members of this family lived in Genoa Twp., DeKalb Co., Illinois. William E. died 6 Sept 1913, in DeKalb County. Some members of this family moved to the Los Angeles area of California, including Norman's line.

If you can help with this family, please write to Norman Getchall, (see "New Subscribers" above for address and lineage.)



1993 Nationwide Younkin Reunion — In grateful appreciation, the Younkin cousins would like to thank Tom and Evelyn Younkin, of Ashland, Oh, for their donation of over 100 commemorative reunion mugs; NESTA and Chuck Rosendale, of Connellsville, Pa, for their donation of three candy/gift jars for the guessing game; and Mary and Bill Hall, of Ulysses, Pa, for their donation of two stadium blankets for the drawing. Thanks also should go to the members of the reunion committee for their untiring support that made the whole event possible (and fun!) — thank you all so very much! Somerset County locals knew when the Younkin clan hit town, in addition to all the noise and out-of-state cars, most of the cousins wore their family crest t-shirts and sweatshirts throughout the weekend.

(1 & 2) Shannon Connolly, left, and Devon Younkin-Miller show off their painted faces. Kids waited in line for their turn to have a fire-breathing dragon or a cobra painted on their faces (arms, legs, ...) (3) From left, Jennifer Logan, artist, Sean Connolly, Brooke & Chelsea Jones, of Ashland, Oh. (4) Timeout for a little family time at the Ramada Inn's pool. (5) Jane McNeill, center, of Onawa, Ia, visits with her cousins Blanche Purbaugh, left, and Eleanor Romesburg, both of Rockwood area. (6) Kay Lynn Younkin Wilson, left, with Wilbur "Wib" Henry, owner of the Frederick G. Younkin farm. Barbara Younkin Park, right, captured all aspects of the tours this year on her tape recorder. (7) Long-lost cousins, from left, Eleanor and Sam Romesburg, André Sherman, Jane McNeill, and McNeill Sherman. (8) Loretta Kelldorf, Mildred Younkin Deeming and Donna Younkin Neuleib. (9) Kay Lynn Younkin Wilson, Bob & Barbara Younkin Park, of Joppa, Md, and Roger Mall, Clay Center, Ks. (10) Margaret Younkin Crisafulli, Davidsville, Pa, at the Country Cottage Restaurant in New Centerville (owned by Cenneth & Dorothy Younkin) where our tour group enjoyed a luncheon. On the table in front of Margaret is bread shaped to



spell JUNGHEN. (11) Just look at that smile! "Helicopter Ed" Younkin, of Connellsville, Pa, again this year brought his helicopter and gave our cousins rides over Somerset's gorgeous countryside. Here he accepts a plaque donated by the cousins from last year's reunion engraved with "Our thanks for raising the Younkin spirits at the 1992 Reunion." (12) Who had more fun — the kids or the adults? Derek Younkin-Miller barely had an inch of unpainted face left! (13) Wib Henry shows visitors an old waffle iron, just one of the many family heirlooms on the Frederick G. Younkin farm. (14) Descendants of David & Maria (Culver) Younkin: from left, Helen Younkin Cannon, Jane McNeill, Margaret Younkin Crisafulli, Ailene Younkin Lantz, Arthur Younkin, Charlotte Younkin Anderson, Johnny Younkin and Charles E. Younkin. (15) Taking a few minutes to relax at the Hospitality Evening, Al Hiatte, left, of New Bloomfield, Mo, and Kenneth Showalter of Glen Ellen, Ca. (16) Friday evening's hospitality is also a time for looking at the collection of charts and family memorabilia, here Mildred Younkin Deeming, Chino, Ca, Donna Younkin Neuleib, Cottonwood, Az, and H. Allen Younkin, Wenonah, NJ, check out their family lines. (17) Organizing for the Saturday morning tours, Everett Sechler, Kay Lynn Younkin Wilson and Clark Brocht led the various expeditions this year. (18) Jersey Baptist Church Cemetery, one of the oldest cemeteries in Somerset County. A very high percentage of the burials in this cemetery are Younkin cousins. (19) Family pride — clad in their JUNGHEN t-shirts, Charlotte Younkin Anderson, Helen Younkin Cannon and Ailene Younkin Lantz.

[Photos provided by Barbara Younkin Park, Jean Younkin-Miller, Charlotte Younkin Anderson, Ailene Younkin Lantz, Loretta Keldorf and Diana and Roger Russell]. — In the next issue we will have a group photo and listing of attendees at the reunion this summer. Don't forget to make plans now for next summer — see you there!

Abstract of Wills of South Lee County, Iowa

Compiled by members of the Lee County Genealogical Society (P. O. Box 303, Keokuk, Iowa 52632) under direction of Wortha Huston, published April 1992 by Kathryn & Frank Burkett.

YOUNKER, Samuel. Will Book 5, p. 252. Written in Lee Co IA dated 6 Apr 1917 & entered into probate 7 Jul 1930. Exec. Isaac L. Younker & Nettie. Death date 25 Jun 1930. Wit: Helen Finigan & Roy C. Burner. Names: unmarried sis. Nettie, Amanda, Katherine & Dorothy. Bro. Isaac L. Younker. Prob. Bk 6, p 458.

YOUNKIN, Joseph. Age 86. Will Book 2, p. 410. Written in Los Angeles Co, Pasadena, CA. Recorded in Lee, Co, IA, dated 23 Jun 1892 & entered into probate 1 May 1899. Exec: son Samuel G. Younkin & dau. Caroline M. Wit: L C. Jacoby of Pasadena, CA & M. C. Hester of same place. Names: dau. Caroline M.; sons, Samuel G. & Rufus H. Younkin. Neice, Mary Younkin of Charlton, IA.

YOUNKIN, Lucretia. Will Book 5, p 162. Written in Lee Co 26 Mar 1920 & probated 20 Jul 1927. Exec: sons Curtis Younkin & William Younkin. Will was read 16 Jul 1927. Wit: R. L. Reed & C. H. Adams. Owned property in Montrose, Lee Co, IA. Names: dau. Cora B. Younkin Fisher. Sons Curtis & William Younkin. Probate Bk. 6, p. 131.

YOUNKIN, Samuel G. Will Book 4, page 420. Written in Lee Co, IA, dated 25 Nov 1909 & entered into probate 17 Oct 1919. Exec: wife Lucretia Younkin. Wit: Curtis & William Younkin.

YOUNKIN, William. Will Book 6, p. 225. Written ?, recorded in Lee Co, IA, dated 16 Feb 1943 & probated 22 Mar 1947. Exec: wife Mary E. Younkin. Wit: Kathryn L. Schenk & Ralph B. Smith.

Lee County WPA Grave Registrations

Rufus Henry Younkin — 15 Aug 1836 to 5 June 1928, Montrose, Lee, IA. Son of Joseph and Susan (Meek) Younkin, wife: Blanche Sawyer.

Ordering Information for 1993 Reunion Group Photo

Reunion Photo: \$17 postpaid — 8 x 14 color photograph complete with 5 list of names of people in photograph from left to right.

To order by phone call — 1-800-758-0434 send check to Reunion Photo Inc., Box 11995, Oakland Park, Florida 33339. If you have any problems, our contact person with this company is Richard Cauffiel. You must tell them the Younkin Family Reunion, in Kingwood, Pa., on July 31, 1993, order #CC698 photo A-1.

Meet Your Cousin...

Diana Younkin Egan
Salem, Oregon

AGE: "45."

FAMILY: "Both of my father's parents, Alfred Arthur Younkin and Lillian Rhoads, were from the Casselman area of Somerset County, Pennsylvania. I work mostly on my father's line now and that is mostly Younkins! My three brothers and I get along great with each other but our spouses suspect too much in-breeding. I have six children ages 7-21. The oldest "might" be getting married soon; the youngest is in fourth grade."

WORK/CAREER: "I worked on and off as a secretary, juggling homemaking and taking care of the orchard and garden with temporary jobs. In 1983, I went back to college, graduating with a degree in English in 1989. Sometimes I do substitute teaching. I like Social Studies best."

HOBBIES: "At the rate I add hobbies and interests to my life, I will need six lifetimes to accomplish what I want in sewing, reading, gardening, oriental art and philosophy, genealogy, travel and horticulture. I hope to be fluent in Mandarin Chinese by the year 2000."

MUSIC: "Beethoven symphonies; Mozart Overtures; '60s Rock; anything but Hard Rock and Opera."

FOOD: "Chocolate and Kikisui Asian pears."

FAVORITE SAYING: "If you choose the right, good things happen."

GOALS: "I've taught a before-school religion class to high school students for seven years. I hope to do it for 13 more to make 20."

INTERESTINGLY: "My husband, Jeff Egan, and I both grew up near the Columbia River, me in Wenatchee [Washington], him 120 miles downstream in Camas."

FAVORITE ANCESTOR: "Rachel Phillippi must have been a charmer — she had three husbands and at least one significant other."



Diana Younkin Egan, with her brother, Jim,
at the 1992 Younkin Family Reunion in Kingwood, Pa.

Diana Younkin Egan, James Melvin, Alfred A., Charles, John, Jacob, John, Henrich + Diana, James Melvin, Alfred A., Charles, Laura Miner Younkin (w/o John M.), Catherine (Younkin) Miner (w/o Jacob Miner), John, Henrich + Diana, James Melvin, Lillian (Rhoads) Younkin (w/o Alfred A.), Minnie E. (Younkin) Rhoads (w/o James Rhoads), Josiah Younkin, John M. Younkin (whose wife was Laura Miner which of course adds Laura's line again), Jacob, John M., Henrich.

I MARRIED A YOUNKIN



Hello again cousins, kin and kins-in-law,

Just in case you haven't figured it out yet, the purpose of my quarterly column is to provide a little bit of "comic relief". Let's face it, these people who are *seriously* into genealogy (and I'll not mention any names, Donna...), will spend hours, and even days, pouring over documents and names, birth-dates and death-dates, cemetery records and wills, deeds and maps, photos and photocopies.....all for the purpose of finding out who they are and where they came from. I can admire their persistence and dedication, BUT...it can get just a wee bit dull at times. (Some of the *serious* genealogy articles are just like reading the phone book!).

So, my job is to put a little "life" into a publication that must concentrate much of its efforts on "dead" people. Now, it's my opinion that the living part of the family can be just as interesting as the dead part! So what I'd like to do this issue is propose a contest. The photos below will provide an example of how it will work. There is a baby picture and a grown-up picture of four people below (yours truly, my better half, and our offspring, Jennifer and Josh). The contest is to match the correct baby with the grown-up. I'll call it "The Baby Picture Contest", or "How Can Such a Cute Kid Have Grown Up Like That". (For this example, the correct matches are listed below).



Donna Younklin Logan

1



Larry Logan

2



Jennifer Logan

3



Joshua Logan

4



A



B



C



D

Okay, how did you do? Well that's great, but you haven't won anything just yet. NOW, I NEED YOUR HELP! I want you all to send in a recent photo of yourself, AND a baby picture. It would be great if the photo size could be about the same as the examples above, but any size will be fine as the printer can reduce or enlarge them to fit the page. Then we will put all the photos in a much larger contest format in a future issue.

This contest is mostly just for fun, but there is a serious side. It can be a part of the family history and heritage. Just think of that future descendant of yours, reading over this issue 100 years from now. He or she will be matching up the baby photos with the grown-up pictures of their great-great-great- Grandmas and Granddads!

So, pull out the photo album, and send in your pictures NOW! (Donna says that very few will take the time to do this. I SAY NO, the Younkins will help out! They are truly interested in their family history! --- Let's show Donna that she is WRONG!). And, if you don't want to send in your own pictures, send in a relatives' (They are of course eligible, too).

Some spectacular prize might be at stake! You might be the grand prize winner! (I'm sounding like Publishers' Clearing House). So, send in your photos today, and I'll be talking to you again in next issue...

Larry

Answers: 1-D, 2-C, 3-A, 4-B

Chronological History of the Younkin Family *Compiled by Charles Franklin Younkin*

Great Bend, Kansas — August 23, 1921

Revised and updated by Merrill Younkin, Seattle, Washington, September 8, 1993

Nearly two hundred and fifty years ago, there were two¹ brothers by the name of Junghen who emigrated from near Siegen, Germany. Johann Herman Junghen came to America around 1737 and Johan Heinrich came later around 1753.² They both settled in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Johann Heinrich married Catharine Scherer 20 July 1753 and they had nine children. Their child, Jacob Younkin, was born 13 July 1761. He married Johanna "Hannah" Nicola, daughter of John Nicola and Christine Hartzell, and to this marriage ten children were born. Sometime after their marriage they took up farming in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Samuel, the fifth child of Jacob and Johanna, was born 18 August 1797 and grew to manhood in this community. About the time that Indiana was admitted to the Union (1818) Samuel went West to settle and build a home. He married Rachel Deitz on 22 June 1820 in Clark County, Indiana. They moved to Ohio afterwards and lived in Butler, Preble and Mercer Counties in Ohio, then settled in Hamilton County. To this union nine children were born. Two children died in infancy. Family tradition says Samuel died in Mercer County around 1868, but this information has not been verified as of now.

Little is known of the Deitz family only that they came from the Carolinas in a early day and settled in Indiana. They were of Dutch descent and belonged to a sturdy, long lived family. Rachel (Deitz) Younkin moved to Tippecanoe Co., Indiana and lived to a ripe old age where she died on 17 Aug 1870, and is buried in Battleground Cemetery in Tippecanoe.

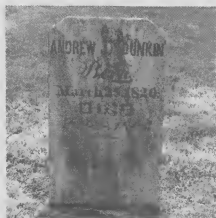
ANDREW JACKSON YOUNKIN, the oldest child of Samuel Younkin, was born 25 Mar 1821 in Ohio. He was a fine penman, using the old fashioned quill pen and compiled a key to a standard arithmetic, writing all the rules and problems out with the quill pen. Such a record was a mark of skill and accuracy. He married to Lydia Ann Guernsey. He died 6 Feb 1846 as recorded in Darke County, Ohio. (see photograph)

DOROTHY ANN YOUNKIN, was born 3 Jan 1823 in Ohio and was married to John Gross. Their children moved to various parts of the United States and little is known of them. She died on 7 Apr 1872 and is buried in Battleground Cemetery. One of her daughters married George Shigley and moved to Nebraska. Another of her descendants, John Gross, is the current (1993) caretaker of Battleground Cemetery. (see photograph)

ELIZABETH YOUNKIN, was born 1 Mar 1825 in Ohio and died in her infancy.

CYRUS SYLVESTER YOUNKIN was born 3 Jul 1826 in Indiana. He was married to Elizabeth --?-- in Indiana and had two boys by the name of Francis "Marion" and Sylvester. Both boys reached the age of manhood. Marion enlisted in the army where he served for some time. He died in Kansas City, Missouri where he is buried. Sylvester died near Lafayette, Indiana. The 1860 census lists Cyrus Younkin as a potter with real estate valued at \$400. Cyrus died about the year 1863 near Lafayette, Indiana.

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Andrew Jackson Younkin's tombstone in Providence Cemetery, Harrison Twp., Darke County, Ohio
25 Mar 1820 - 6 Feb 1846

[Photograph by Carolee Younkin Vinson, Summer 1992]



John Gross, descendant of Dorothy Younkin Gross,
and caretaker of Battleground Cemetery
Tippecanoe, Indiana

[Photograph by Carolee Younkin Vinson, Summer 1992]

From the Files at the National Archives, DAR, etc....

Junghens in the Revolutionary War

COMPANY MUSTER ROLLS FOR REVOLUTIONARY SERVICE

YONKINS, George — private, Capt. Joseph McCracken's Co., in the 1st Batt'n of New York forces commanded by Colonel Goose Van Schaick. Enlisted 8 Nov 1776, appeared on the company muster rolls: 22 Oct 1776 to 2 Jul 1777. Died 4 Sept 1777. [National Archives File Number 3376]

YUNGUIS, John — private, German Battalion, Continental Troops, in Capt. John David Woelpper's Co. of the German Reg't of Foot commanded by Col. Baron Arendt. Enlisted 18 Nov 1777, appeared on the Company muster rolls dated 22 Mar 1777, reported missing Jan 2. Under remarks: "Desert Jan 2 1777". The next card states "Prisoner of war Feb'y 1777." [National Archives File Number 2766]

DAR PATRIOT INDEX LIST

[These men have already been established with the National Daughters of the American Revolution for *Patriotic Service* during the Revolutionary War. Patriotic Service means that they helped with the cause, not that they actively fought in the war. Of these three men, only Jacob (son of Heinrich Junghen) actively served in the war, the other two are his father and uncle Herman. Also, remember that in this index book the names are listed under Junghen not Younkin.

JUNGHEN (includes Younkin)

Henry: b 1-31-1717 d 3-13-1787 m Catharine Scherer, patriotic service

Herman: b c 1720 d 3-26-1788 m Magdalana, patriotic service

Jacob: b 1756 d 1811 m Hannah Nicola, Pvt. PA

"Soldiers of the American Revolution, Bucks County, Pa. Transcribed from the Pennsylvania Archives with Records of Services" by Richard T. and Mildred C. Williams, Danboro, Pa. (1975)

Key: (s=Penn. Archives Series, v= Volume, page)

YONKERS, Hammon: Pvt., Erwin's Co., Keller's Batt., Sep. 24, 1781...(s2, v14, 212 — s5, v5, 439)

YONKIN, Harmin: Pvt. 1 C1., Erwin's Co. - Tinicum...(s5, v5, 416)

YOUNKER, Jacob: Pvt., 1 C1., Yost's Co. - Haycock, BCM...(s5, v5, 426-431)

YOUNKEN, Abraham: Pvt., 5 C1., Patterson's Co. - Tinicum...(s5, v5, 358)

YOUNKEN, Daniel: Pvt., Erwin's Co., Keller's Batt...(s2, v14, 213 — s5, v5, 439)

YONKEN, YOUNKIN, Harman: Bedter Co., 2d Batt., signed but not asso...(s5, v5, 349); Pvt., 1 C1., Patterson's Co. - Tinicum...(s5, v5, 357)

YOUNKEN, John: Pvt., Nockamixon Co., 3d Batt...(s2, v14, 167 — s5, v5, 394); Capt. Shupes's Co, C1F 1780...(s3, v6, 33)

YOUNKIN, Harman: Pvt., Bedminster Co., 3d Batt., signed by not asso. (no ref. given)

What does all this mean?

It means that any of the descendants of Henrich Junghen or his brother Herman Junghen are eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) or the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The DAR/SAR treats *Patriotic Service* the same as *Active Duty*. The last time I was down at the National DAR office, I picked up copies of a few of the membership applications that were on file there. Some of these are active members, others are past members, but all have obtained membership on our Junghen/Younkin family.

If you are interested in membership in your local chapter, and need help putting your application together, please write to me and I will send you copies of the necessary information you will need to complete the application.

The application requires that you substantiate (prove) each generation back to the Patriot. For some of you I have a lot of this material. If I don't have it, chances are I can tell you how to find it. You will need such items as birth, death, & marriage certificates or records, census data, Bible records, etc. You will also need copies of the above referenced "Pennsylvania Archives Series" pages. These are pages from a series of published books giving records from various Pennsylvania counties. I know that many of you don't live near a library with these books, which is the biggest reason I am making this offer. My charge for this will depend on how much help you need and the number of copies needed — Donna Younkin Logan.

Chronological History

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ROXYLENTA YOUNKIN, was born 27 Oct 1828 and died in her infancy.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN YOUNKIN, was born in Carroll, Indiana on 18 Jun 1831. He married Sarah A. Flowers on 16 Jul 1853 in Mercer County, Ohio, by Z. Temple, Justice of the Peace. He was a soldier in the Civil War and was held prisoner in Libby Prison. Lack of food and care there later caused his death. He died 24 Jul 1873 in Wabash Twp., Tipticacoe, Indiana. One daughter, Laney, married to Charles Cook and they lived near Battleground, Indiana.

MANERVA YOUNKIN, was born 7 Mar 1835 in Ohio and moved to Indiana where she married William Muter. No children were born to this union, but an adopted daughter, Minnie Downs, was raised near Battleground, Indiana. William Muter was a cattleman and butcher by trade and while he could neither read or write he was accurate in computing and was a skillful judge in weight of beef cattle, hogs and sheep. He died near Battleground, Indiana, and Manerva died in the same town about the year 1898, at a ripe old age.

SAMUEL YOUNKIN, was the fourth son, born in Ohio on 13 Jun 1835. He died in Mercer County, Ohio at an early age, about 1852.

JOHN DEITZ YOUNKIN, who raised his family in Great Bend, Kansas was born 6 Oct 1837 in Hamilton Co, Ohio where he grew to manhood. Afterwards he moved to Tipticacoe Co, Indiana where he farmed. He later worked at the potter trade which he learned from his father. The 1860 census lists both John and Cyrus, his brother, as potters, with John living in the vicinity of Independence, Warren Co, Indiana. John enlisted in the Civil War on 1 Apr 1861 with the 71st Indiana Infantry and was discharged 25 Sep 1864 as a private in Company C 135th Indiana Infantry. He married Marietta Victoria King 1 May 1861 in Lafayette, Tipticacoe Co, Indiana. To this union seven children were born, five boys and two girls. William Ellsworth b 19 Feb 1863, d 1 Nov 1930; Clarence Lincoln b 25 Jul 1865, d 30 Apr 1941; Jennie Deitz b 19 Nov 1867, d 1951; Samuel Dewitte b 6 Nov 1869, d ?; John King b 15 Jun 1872, d 1 Mar 1953; Charles Franklin b 25 Jan 1874, d 3 Jul 1942 (author of this original work); Marietta Adora b 26 Oct 1876, d 23 Jun 1942. Marietta Victoria, wife of John Deitz died in Great Bend, Kansas on 6 Mar 1906. John Deitz took a second wife, Charity Howard. She was born in 1842 and died in 1923 of cancer.

Continuing the family history of Charles F. Younk in is another story in itself and would be incomplete without reference to his brothers and sisters. An effort is being made to document as much of this family as possible, and hopefully this could be avail-

able in the near future for publication.

¹Possibly there were 3 brothers -see YFNB Vol. 2 #2 Page 9.

²Henry was returning to America on this trip.

Additional Family Information:

The 1860 census of Rainsville, Warren Township, Warren County, Indiana, also shows a child apparently named Elizabeth Younk in age 6 in the household with Cyrus and Elizabeth Younk in. But her relationship is not given. John Younk in, Cyrus' brother is also living in the same place during this census. He is living only with his mother Rachel who is listed as a "widow."

Cyrus Younk in and his Potter's Shop

A display at the Warren County [Indiana] Historical Society, in Williamsport, gives us much insight into the days when Cyrus and John were potters in the community. This sign explaining the display reads:

Records indicate that at least three potters worked the potter shop north of Independence during three separate periods, Isaac Reed in 1850, Cyrus Younk in 1860, and John Pearson in 1870. An 1865 map shows the shop and residence of Cyrus Younk in.

During the Summer of 1974, numerous fragments of pottery were found in a field located one and one-half miles north of Independence in Section 14, this site coincided with the county land records and the location indicated on the 1865 map.

An archaeological investigation was considered and permission was generously granted by the land owner, Mr. Earl Taylor. Actual digging was begun in the Summer of 1976 and carried over to the Summer of 1977. Hundreds of potsherds were found plus the foundation of the kiln.

The type of pottery made at Independence was red

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Warren County Historical Society's display of photographs and excavated pottery from the site of the potter's shop near Independence.

More on Cyrus' Potters Shop

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ware which is a lead-glazed earthenware that was fired at a temperature of approximately 1800 degrees. Red ware served the needs of the people in that area until the Superior Stoneware became available.

In the Society's 1982 Sesquicentennial publication is an article by John H. Henry titled "A Potter Shop Site". The following excerpts are from this article:

"The site lies on the east side of an abandoned road in Section 14, Warren Township, approximately 1 and 1/2 miles north of the village of Independence. The choice of this location for the establishment of the potter shop was certainly influenced by the availability of wood, water, clay and an expanding market.

"The 1850 census lists Isaac Reed as a potter owning real estate valued at \$150 and county records indicate that he purchased the 15 acres that include the site in 1847. [These 15 acres were then sold to Lewis Collyer in 1853, then Lewis Lewis in 1858 and to Cyrus Younkin in 1860 for \$400.]

"The only specific reference found (to date) relating to the location of the potter shop is an 1865 land owner's map. The dwelling of C. Younkin and another near-by building labeled "Potter Shop" are indicated on a 15-acre plot. The 1860 census lists Cyrus Younkin as a potter with real estate valued at \$400. Also listed as a potter was John Younkin who lived in the vicinity of Independence.

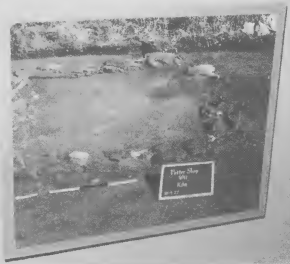
"Cyrus evidently experienced financial difficulty for he mortgaged the property in 1863 to David Sewell for \$100. Sewell transferred the mortgage note to a William Hock in 1867. Hock attempted to collect from Younkin in 1868, but found that he had since died. Hock continually pressed for payment from Younkin's heirs and finally secured a clear title. From this evidence it can be assumed that Cyrus and John Younkin were making pottery at the site from 1860 to 1866 or 1867."



Red Ware — part of the pottery pieces excavated at the site of the Potter Shop near Independence.



Some of the pottery found at the excavated site of the Potter Shop near Independence.



The excavation of the site also uncovered the foundation stones for the Potters Shop kiln. "The nearly square structure measured slightly over 11 feet on the outside and approximately 7 1/2 feet on the inside. The earth was scorched a brick-red and there appeared to be an opening or door in the south wall. A considerable quantity of burned brick and sandstone were found throughout the site indicating the use of these materials in the kiln's construction."

My thanks to Carolee Younkin Vinson for providing the research material and photographs for this story of Cyrus and John Younkin, Potters. On her way home from the 1992 family reunion in Kingwood, she stopped and did a great deal of research on the family of Samuel and Rachel (Deitz)Younkin. This stop in Independence, Indiana, was just one.

Her, and sister Janice Schneck also contributed additional material for the story of Samuel and Rachel (Deitz)Younkin.

More of Moses' Civil War letters to his wife Lavila (Mitchell) Younkin...

(Continued from the last issue)



*Fi. Larramie Decota
Ter June 4th 1865*

*Dear Wife-
I embrace the opportunity to pen a few lines to you I am well this morning & I hope these few lines may find you all the same we have moved 130 miles East since I last wrote you we are ordered to Fort Halleck Colorado Ter - 175 miles from here on the southern _____*

180 miles from Denver City we still think that we will be out of the service by the 15th of September there has been some depredation committed since I wrote you last 2 of the 11th K were killed 10 days ago at Platt Bridge the regiment is very much dissatisfied with Commanders of this District we have been shamefully treated by them the depredations committed by the Indians are not half so bad as they represent it & the warriors not half so plenty we should been on our way home if they had not misrepresented things generally I think our Colonel is Sharp enough to get us out by the time of the regiments times is out that is 15th of Sept. we are anxious to witness that day

I think there will be troops here to relieve us before long since the 24 of March I have not seen any citizens at all this is a lonesome place to soldier you may depend I am glad to leave here I have nothing of much importance to write the conveniences for writing are poor

it is three weeks since I have had a letter from you this is the 9th I have written and I have received 4 from you for what I am very thankful One great thing is that we are blessed with good health & plenty of sustenance of life for which I am thankful to God & his kind care over us on the road that we are going there is plenty of emigration & travel it will be more pleasant there than here I will write in 2 weeks we have had no pay yet since we left Reiley & there is no prospect of any yet while in this country we have 6 months pay due us now when you write give me the news generally tell Hartzell to write & direct to

*Fort Halleck
Col. Ter
11th K.V.C.*

*So no more at present but remain yours as ever I hope these few lines may find well & all enquiring friends
Moses Younkin to Lavila Younkin*

*Tuesday Mar. 21st 65
Julesburgh-Colorado*

I again seat myself this morning to drop a few lines to you I am well and enjoying good health & I hope that these few lines may find you all well we arrived here yesterday we expect to stay here 4 or 5 days & then start for Larame Idaho 200 miles north west of this post & when we get there I think we will stop 2 or three weeks & then pursue the Indians they are on Powder River our outfit will number 1400 men 7 pieces of artillery I think we are good for large body of Indians The weather is pleasant now not with standing we have had some severe weather there is but little travel on this road there has been an awful destruction of property by the Indians the Ranekes were nearly all burned & a great many lives lost—they must be brought to terms soon the soldiers are in good spirits I have not yet heard from you or any one I fall anxious to hear from you I expected a letter here but was disappointed the boys from Riley & Manhattan are receiving letters I will write as soon as I can Probably it will be 10 or 12 days I have nothing of much importance to write you now when you write direct to Fort Larime

Idaho Territory

*Directions
Sergt Younkin
Co. L H K N C
Fort Larime
Idaho Territory*

[These letters will be continued in the next newsletter]

Update to the story... "The Soldier Who Had Two Wives"

In the last issue of our newsletter I published a story by Mark A. Miner titled "The Soldier Who Had Two Wives." It was about a Civil War soldier who had married twice, first and legitimately to Mary Jane Christner. He married second and not so legitimately, to Sarah Floyd Miller. Unfortunately, he was killed during the war, so we'll never know what might have happened upon his return to Pennsylvania.

But after running that story I noticed in my records that Mary Jane Christner was the daughter of a Levi Christner of Springfield Twp., Fayette County, Pa. Recalling that we have a Levi Christner in our records who married Catharine Younkin, daughter of Charles and Jane (Johnston) Younkin, I wrote to Olive Duff asking if she thought this might be the same Levi. She responded by sending the 1850 census of Springfield. Levi age 33; Catherine, 33; Clarissa, 10; Susanna, 9; Mary Jane, 9; Elias, 7; Charles, 5; Lydia Ann, 3; Rachel, 1. So it appears that Jacob M. Younkin & Mary Jane Christner were second cousins, both on the John Michael Younkin line.